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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Enclosed are replacement drawings for original drawings of Fig. 1 (1 sheet) and Figs. 2a and 2b (1 sheet). As required by the Examiner these Figures are labeled "PRIOR ART".

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

New claims 7 and 8 replace claims 3 and 5 and correct a clerical error in the ranges. Support is found in original claim 3 or page 4 of the specification.

Claim 1 is amended to clarify the recitation and to avoid the formal rejection under 35 USC 112. (See disclosure in specification discussing the figures and especially at paragraphs 0024 and 0025).

The Examiner rejects claims 1 and 2 as fully anticipated by Sakai et al. The Examiner rejects claims 3-6 as unpatentable over Sakai et al. under 35 USC 103.

Reconsideration is requested.

According to the invention as claimed 1, the electromagnetic coil in the pilot clutch is surrounded with stationary ferromagnetic material over at least its rear and outer peripheral sides of its sides other than its magnetic force exerting side which is its front side. Further, the stationary

ferromagnetic material is covered with stationary nonmagnetic material. These features are not shown or suggested by Sakai et al.

In Sakai et al. , the yoke 16 which the Examiner reasons is a ferromagnetic material, surrounds the rear and inner peripheral sides of the electromagnetic coil 13 but not the outer peripheral side of the coil. Therefore, Sakai et al. fails to anticipate this claimed feature.

Further, the rear housing 11b made of a magnetic material surrounds not only the inner and outer peripheral sides of the electromagnetic coil 13 but also the magnetic force exerting side of the coil. And the rear housing 11b is a moving member for power transmission but not a stationary member. Moreover, the front housing 11a made of a nonmagnetic material surrounding the rear housing 11b is a moving member for power transmission but not a stationary member. Thus, not only are the claimed features not shown, but they cannot be obvious (e.g. moving is not analogous to stationary).

Since Sakai et al. fails to teach or render obvious each element of claim 1 as discussed above, claim 1 is not anticipated over Sakai et al.

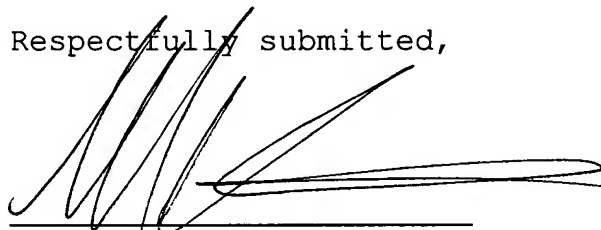
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Claims 2-6 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 1. Therefore, claims 2-6 are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present invention is not shown or suggested by the cited art. Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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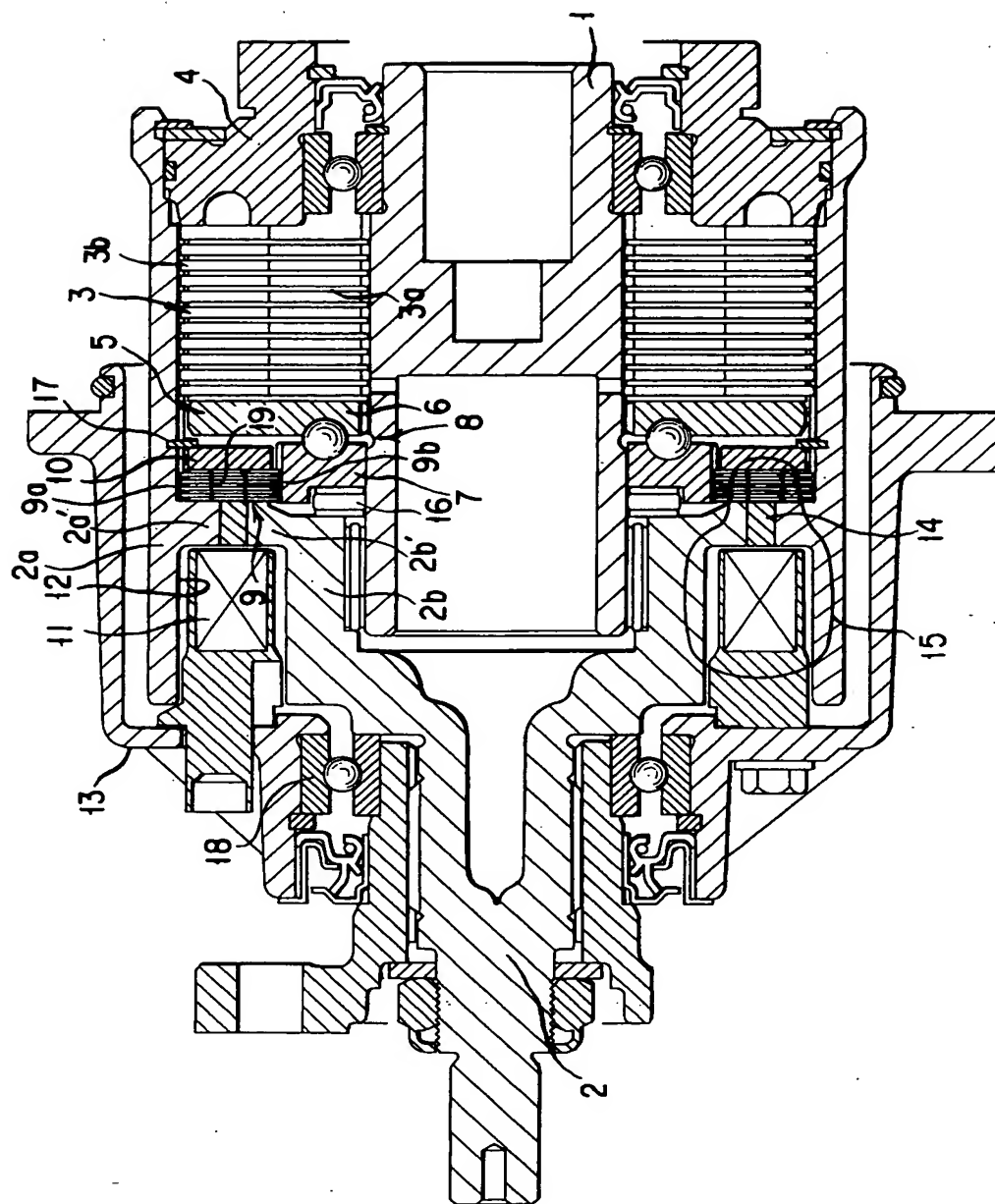
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Enclosures: Replacement Drawings for Figs. 1, 2 and 2a (2 sheets)  
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FIG. 1 (PRIOR ART)



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FIG. 2A  
(PRIOR ART)

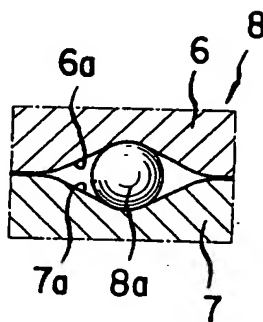


FIG. 2B  
(PRIOR ART)

